

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, with Chair Ron Wesen, Commissioner Peter Browning, and Commissioner Joe Burns present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wesen called the proceedings to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026:

a) *8:30 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Wesen led the attendees in the salute to the flag.

b) *8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Public Works - Michael See, Director:

Public Works Director Michael See was present to introduce the agenda item.

Natural Resources Division Manager Jenn Johnson gave a PowerPoint presentation and overview of Lake Management District (LMD) No. 4. She explained that although the district was scheduled to reform in 2028, rising treatment costs and increased weed management needs required an early start. She reported that newsletters had been sent and community outreach was underway. Ms. Johnson noted that property owners were aware of the fee increases and were supportive.

She stated that if the Commissioners approved the resolution, the next step under RCW 36.61 would be to submit ballots to property owners within the proposed district asking whether to form LMD No. 4. Ballots would be due to the Board of Skagit County Commissioners' office no later than Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. The final step would be to adopt the resolution confirming the special assessment roll.

Noxious Weed, Lake Management Coordinator, and Safety Committee Representative Evan Emrick provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the reformation timeline, aquatic plant and lake management treatments, and the requirements under RCW 36.61 for sending newsletters to property owners. He also noted that surveys had been sent to property owners.

Discussion ensued regarding RCW 36.61 requirements for reforming LMD No. 4, water quality issues, the potential to add properties to the assessment roll, LMD Advisory Committees, chemical treatment costs, and the Department of Natural Resources' role in lake management.

Link to PowerPoint presentation:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/CountyCommissioners/Documents/AgendaPackets/04132026.zip>

1. Public Hearing/Possible Action to Consider Testimony Regarding the Proposed Re-Establishment of Lake Management District No. 4 (Clear Lake and Beaver Lake)

Chair Wesen opened the public hearing at 8:47 a.m. Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Browning made a motion to close the public hearing at 8:48 a.m. Commissioner Burns seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns to approve the Resolution submitting the question of reforming Skagit County Lake Management District No. 4 (Clear Lake and Beaver Lake). **(Resolution No. R20260079)** Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

2. Public Hearing/Possible Action to Consider Testimony Regarding a Proposed Franchise Agreement for the Provision of Network Services, including Telecommunications Services with the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe

Engineering Technician Torey Nelson provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the proposed Non-Exclusive Franchise Agreement with the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe noting that the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe had applied for a Non-Exclusive Franchise for right of entry, use, and occupation of the public rights-of-way to construct, operate, and maintain its facilities for purposes of offering and providing network services using fiberoptic lines, in the defined Franchise Area. He noted that under RCW 36.35, the Board of County Commissioners may grant

franchises to persons or private or municipal corporations to use the right-of-way of county roads in their respective counties for the construction and maintenance of waterworks, gas pipes, telephone, telegraph, and electric light lines, sewers and any other such facilities.

Discussion ensued about restoration in the right-of-way.

Link to PowerPoint presentation:

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Chair Wesen opened the public hearing at 9:01 a.m. Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Browning made a motion to close the public hearing at 9:02 a.m. Commissioner Burns seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns to approve the Resolution authorizing the execution of a Telecommunications Franchise Agreement for the Provision of Network Services, including Telecommunications Services with the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe. **(Resolution No. R20260080)** Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns to approve the Telecommunications Franchise Agreement for the provision of Network Services, including Telecommunications Services with the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe. **(Contract No. C20260141)** Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

3. [Miscellaneous](#)

There were no miscellaneous items provided.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings 9:08 a.m.

c) [*10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Planning and Development Services - Jack Moore, Director:](#)

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 10:15 a.m.

Planning and Development Services Director Jack Moore was present to introduce the agenda item.

Senior Planner Robby Eckroth provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the docketing review process. He noted that the public comment period opened on Thursday, March 12, 2026, and closed on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Eckroth pointed out that the Board's decision to include a proposed amendment in the docket was procedural and did not constitute a decision as to whether the amendment would ultimately be approved. It meant that the county was authorizing the petition to move forward for further evaluation by staff, the Planning Commission, and the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Eckroth invited the two petitioners to present their proposals.

Citizen Proposals:

LRPLN-2025-0001 - ABAWA II LLC Old Day Creek Road Small Scale Business Rezone: Toyer Strategic Advisors Vice President Peter Condyles representing Jasmine Wilson-Diedrich provided additional information about their petition. He noted that the application was to rezone and redesignate the property from Rural Village Residential (RVR) to Small Scale Business (SSB).

LRPLN-2025-0003 - Raser and Miles Sand and Gravel Mineral Resource Overlay Designation Amendment: Representative Ken Dahlstedt provided background information about the petition to designate five parcels within the Mineral Resources Overlay (MRO).

County Proposals:

C26-1 - General Code Language Clean Up.

Mr. Eckroth noted the three options for commenting: mail, email, or testifying at the public hearing on April 14,

2026 at 10:15 a.m.

- Mail to: "Skagit County's 2026 Docket of Proposed Policy, Code, and Map Amendments" 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA 98273

- Email to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us

Additional information can be found on the website:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningAndPermit/2026CPA.htm>

Link to documents submitted:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/CountyCommissioners/Documents/AgendaPackets/04132026.zip>

1. [Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding Proposed Petitions for the 2026 Docket to Amend the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan, Land Use/Zoning Map, or Development Regulations](#)

Chair Wesen opened the public hearing at 10:31 a.m. and made an opening statement noting that the written comment period would remain open until Thursday, April 16, 2026.

Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Browning made a motion to close the public hearing at 10:32 a.m. Commissioner Burns seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

2. [Miscellaneous](#)

There were no miscellaneous items.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:33 a.m.

- d) [*11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Board of County Commissioners:](#)

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:30 a.m.

1. [Public Commence Period](#)

Elke McCartney of Skagit County commented on the Farmland Legacy Program and the need for a moratorium on building lithium battery storage and data facilities.

PJ Parsons of Skagit County spoke about her home being flooded in December 2025.

Anthony Romano of Skagit County commented properties being donated for county parks, rezoning, water rights, mineral rights, and various property issues.

Larita Humble of Skagit County commented on the need for recycling in her neighborhood.

Link to written public comments submitted:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/CountyCommissioners/Documents/AgendaPackets/04132026.zip>

2. [County and Individual Success Stories](#)

None provided.

3. [Miscellaneous \(announcements, letters, etc.\)](#)

The Commissioners commented on various past, upcoming meetings, and letters signed for the week of April 6, 2026.

III. [ADJOURNMENT:](#)

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 11:49 a.m.

*Note, to obtain an audio or video recording of this meeting; please contact the Skagit County Commissioners' office.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Peter Browning, Commissioner

Joe Burns, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board